CONGRATULATING ALEC KOHLI FOR EARNING THE CONGRES-SIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alec Kohli, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, and a constituent of my district. Alec has earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal, the United States Congress' award for young Americans. The Congressional Award recognizes outstanding young people from all over the nation, and Alec has gone above and beyond by committing a tremendous amount of time and effort to attain the Award's highest ranking possible—the Gold Medal.

In order to be considered for the Congressional Award, individuals must achieve goals set in four exclusive program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition or Exploration. Alec has excelled in all areas, first completing over 400 hours of Voluntary Public Service by participating as an Environmental Proctor at Exeter Academy, as a youth mentor to underprivileged youth, and as an Eagle Scout. For Personal Development, Alec attended a fiveweek summer program at Stanford University, where he worked on improving his math and analytical abilities as well as his leadership and time management skills. In the Physical Fitness category, Alec focused on sports and fitness activities, and measured his progress over a three-year training period by his ability to run one mile in six minutes and forty-five seconds. Finally, for his Expedition, Alec attended Camp Philmont in the mountains of New Mexico.

Alec is an exceptional young man, and sets a great example for Arizona's youth. I would like to express my appreciation for his contributions to the community, and I hope you will join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Alec on his phenomenal accomplishments.

RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE DALLEY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Tuesday,\,July\,\,7,\,2009$

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. George Dalley on his exemplary service to the United State House of Representatives. Mr. Dalley is retiring this year after thirty years of service to Chairman RANGEL. Throughout his tenure in Congress, Mr. Dalley provided a wealth of information to CBC members and was a strong advocate for a more responsive approach to Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America.

Having an informed, passionate and committed staff makes a significant difference for a Member of Congress. Mr. Dalley has been such a staffer for Chairman RANGEL. As a journalist once wrote, "Dalley is the guy in Rangel's office who sees every piece of paper the boss sees. He's the one Rangel seeks out when he needs an answer." The trust and collegiality between these two men is indeed a rare and valuable commodity.

Even in his well-deserved retirement, I am sure he will maintain a busy schedule advocating for the causes in which he so passionately believes. As Mr. Dalley continues to raise his voice in support of human rights around the world, I wish him the best in his retirement from the House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I requested two projects in H.R. 2997.

\$300,000 for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences Shellfish Aquaculture Development Program and the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association located at P.O. Box 89, Cedar Key, FL 32625. These funds will be used to conduct multi-disciplinary research into struggling aquaculture programs.

\$1,033,000 for the study of Subtropical Beef Germplasm by the SubTropical Agricultural Research Station located at 22271 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. The 3800 acre USDA research facility conducts multidisciplinary research aimed at boosting efficiency, safety and environmental responsibility for the cattle industry of Florida and the southeast.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr. Bill Number: H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Construct and equip a new emergency operations center to enhance response by first responders and survivability of critical equipment in a county that contains significant critical infrastructure, including I–26, and is in close proximity to Charleston's military bases and ports.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr. Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Repairing standing wooden tents at this historic meeting compound that were damaged as a result of arson, and facilities upgrades allowable under program rules; Cypress Historic Meeting Compound, which was founded in 1794, is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been recognized as one of the last "Great Awakening" religious compounds. National Register Number: 78002504.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr. Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Sikes Hall, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Project: Funds will be used to support the continued development of fruit tree genomics at Clemson University that currently underpins the future of competitive specialty crop agriculture in South Carolina and the U.S. This work identifies, characterizes and manipulates the genes and gene actions that control: the normal growth and development of fruiting trees, natural resistance genes to both abiotic and biotic stresses, genes that influence the progression of disease in the trees (e.g. peach tree short life), and genes controlling quality and yield of fruits. This research provides the pipeline for future fruit tree improvement and sustainability. Clemson is at the heart of fruit tree genomics research in the U.S. Project has been funded in past appropriations acts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS)

Address of Receiving Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 in funding in H.R. 2997 in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services Account for University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

The purpose of this funding is support the continuing citrus canker and greening research by UF-IFAS to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases.

Federal funding, in addition to state and grower contributions will help improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods